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Title: METHODS FOR PROTECTING  
SILICA-CONTAINING  
ARTICLE AND INHIBITING  
BREAKS DURING DRAWING  
OF OPTICAL FIBER, AND  
SILICA-CONTAINING  
ARTICLE PROTECTED  
AGAINST BREAK-INDUCING  
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**RESPONSE**

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**RESPONSE TO THE EXAMINER'S OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Office Action dated December 01, 2003 in the above-captioned application, please enter the following amendments and Remarks as follows:

**Listing of the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.